

AMERICA NOT PREPARING TO JOIN ALLIED ARMIES

Official Report by German Army Headquarters Refers to Interview With Ambassador Gerard.

BERLIN, September 14 (by wireless to the Associated Press by way of St. Petersburg, L. I.).—German army headquarters in Berlin to-day gave out this official report:

"The German crown prince has captured the enemy's fortified position southwest of Verdun, and is now bombarding with heavy artillery the outer forts lying to the south.

"A battle is in progress between Paris and the River Marne over a front of 125 kilometers, stretching from Nanteuil in the west, where the British forces are, to Vitry. The Crown Prince's army is operating from the main battle by the forest of Argonne.

"The armies of the Crown Prince of Bavaria and General von Hindenburg are in formal battle near the upper Moselle.

"James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, has given out an interview to the press denying persistent reports that the United States was preparing to join the allies; that Mr. Whitlock (the American minister

at Brussels) had attached the Mayor of Brussels to his staff; that the American flag had been raised at Ghent; that the Tuckerton incident was unfriendly discrimination against Germany, and that he is advising Americans to hurry away because the United States was going to war.

General Hindenburg has defeated the Russians, has crossed the Russian frontier and up to the present time has taken 16,000 prisoners and captured eighty guns and many machine guns and aeroplanes.

Another official report issued to-day says:

"The garrison at Antwerp has been repulsed.

"The Crown Prince's army is now attacking the forts between Verdun and Toul on both sides.

"Prince Joachim arrived to-day in Berlin and has been lodged in Bellevue Palace."

"Last night's official details of the battle to the east of Paris cannot yet be made public. A new battle is in progress, which, up to the present, has been favorable to the Germans."

Reports from Paris and London of a German defeat are declared untrue.

The retreat of the Russian army in East Prussia appears to be developing into flight and demoralization. General Hindenburg reports the capture of 150 guns and between 20,000 and 30,000 prisoners.

"The London Times confesses that attempts at recruiting in Ireland have failed.

"Prince Ernest Saxe-Meinungen, mortally wounded, gave to a soldier in the sanitary service a paper expressing a wish that his body should not be buried in the dual mausoleum, but laid at rest with those of his fallen comrades. The note concluded with the words: 'I salute my Emperor.'"

RAISE IN PASSENGER RATES

Wabash Announces Increase at Suggestion of I. C. C.

ST. LOUIS, September 14.—Railroad passenger rates between St. Louis and Chicago will be increased \$1 about December 1, and rates between St. Louis and New York will be increased \$2, according to a statement to-day by W. A. Maxwell, general manager of the Wabash Railroad. The increases, he said, would be made on the suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which in its reply to the petition for an increase in freight rates, suggested that the railroads get additional revenue by increasing passenger rates.

TO-DAY IS POSITIVELY LAST DAY ON STRAW HATS

Unwritten Law Makes Summer Hat Fair Target for Street Uchins After September 15.

Though the unwritten law of the land permits one usually to wear a straw lid up to and including September 15, the early coming of autumn this year has forced the season, and if you want to keep your Panama hat as a relic or for future use, it would be well to put it away immediately.

It ill befits a man to wear a straw hat and an overcoat and goggles at the same time, and it brings him into the open contempt of the small boy and the silent ridicule of his elders. And not unusually, the contempt of the small boy takes the form of violent activity, which often not only damages the straw lid, but injures the wearer's physical feelings and mental state as well. So, many men, in a precaution, remembering that safety is the first law of nature, put it away before some one else puts it away for you.

Last week, when it was abnormally cold and when several times it rained, that part of the population which had observed the sartorial proprieties was often amused by the sight of a man

wearing a battered straw, an overcoat and rubbers. He would try to look unconscious of the stares of which he was the target, but he knew that every one was looking at him and that they knew that he knew, and so on, and it seemed as if the car on which he usually rode home would never come. It gives a man a sense of dignity to wear a derby or a soft felt when the autumn winds are howling, but, in plain words, he feels like a fool if he still clings to the straw and unwarrantably excites with felonious desire every street urchin who passes him. He owes it to himself and to the peace of the community to put the straw away. Do it now, if you haven't already done it, or accept the consequences and go through the disagreeable procedure of swearing out a warrant against the small boy who takes the law into his own hands.

Federal Court Opens To-Day.

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 14.—The fall term of the Federal District Court will be convened here to-morrow morning by Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of Richmond. Judge H. C. McDowell is out of the district by reason of illness. The grand jury will investigate a long list of revenue cases, but the term does not promise to be an extended one. This will be the

first appearance here of Richard S. Byrd, as district attorney.

Death of Ludwig Englander.

NEW YORK, September 14.—Ludwig Englander, Austrian composer of light operas, is dead at Park-Rockway, aged sixty-three years. He was best known for "Sally in Our Alley," "The Belle of Bohemia," "The Madcap Princess," "The Passing Show" and "The Rounders."

OLD RAILROAD BRIDGE WILL BE USED AS HIGHWAY

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 14.—The old railroad bridge over Occoquan Creek at Woodbridge, in Prince William County, used by the Washington-Southern Railway, is now being replaced by a steel structure, and the old one has been given by the railway company to the supervisors of Fairfax and Prince William Counties, and will be jointly improved and maintained by these two counties as a highway bridge, and the railroad use of it ceases. In order to put it in condition for vehicle traffic, the bridge will be floored and other improvements and repairs made.

Rev. J. Paul Essex, of Blacksburg Baptist Church, has resigned his charge at Blacksburg, and has accepted a call to Whitestone Baptist Church, in Lancaster County.

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN BELGIAN

But Correspondent Declines to Tell Whereabouts and Numbers.

LONDON, September 14 (by A. M.).—In a dispatch from Ghent the correspondent of the Daily News says that after two days of investigation he has confirmed the statement that Russian troops are in Belgium.

Afternoon papers of Ghent, the correspondent says, published last Saturday this statement.

"The German army had been cut at Courtenberg, between Brussels and Louvain, by a Belgian army reinforced by Russian troops."

His investigation confirmed this, but where these Russians are and what their numbers may be it would be indelicate to tell," he says.

Continuing, the correspondent mentions the possibility that the Russian is not the only army reinforcing the Belgians.

Moors Suffer Heavy Loss.

MADRID, September 14 (by A. M.).—Officially announced that the Spanish army commanded by General Silvestre inflicted a severe defeat with heavy losses upon a force of Moors at Aldeh. Roman. The Spaniards lost one officer and four soldiers killed, and two officers and twenty-five men wounded.



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